

Camp David conferees to treat outstanding issues as package

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday called his second day of intensive...

still have to invite Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin to Washington for another three-way summit before all the loose ends of the treaty package could be tied up.

Dayan and Khalil were said by official sources to have established a good personal rapport. Other officials from the three delegations attending the conference were generally seen as mingling freely and cordially with each other.

The joint conference statement issued yesterday said the delegates "had the opportunity for relaxed talks over dinner."

It is understood that Vance has been stressing the urgency of concluding the peace treaty in light of the revolution in Iran. To this end, the Secretary has reportedly underlined the American assessment that the U.S. must strengthen both Egypt and Israel militarily.

The White House, in fact, is beginning consultations with Congress this week regarding increased arms shipments to those countries as well as other friendly states in the region based to a large degree on the reports prepared by Defense Secretary Harold Brown following his recent visits to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt.

Israel will support — or at least not oppose actively — increased arms shipments to Egypt and other pro-Western states in the region.

Carter has been stressing the strategic importance of both Israel and Egypt to the United States in recent days. Specifically, he has called attention to Israel's military strength as an element in protecting U.S. national security. He has also spoken of Egypt's influential role in the Middle East.

As a result, forthcoming U.S. military aid requests to Israel and Egypt — as well as to Saudi Arabia — may once again be submitted to Congress for the required approval in the form of a package deal. This controversial approach was successfully used last year when the administration sought approval for the sale of fighter aircraft to Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The Egyptians appear anxious to accept this new role as a major U.S. ally in that part of the world now that the pro-Western regime in Iran has collapsed. Indeed, the impression here is that the Egyptians are anxious to wind up the long-stalled peace treaty negotiations with Israel to get on with the more critical matters facing the region.

"What we are trying to do is get this part of the Camp David agreements completed," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter III said yesterday.



Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan confers with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, center, and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at Camp David.

Iranian oil exports to resume 'within days'

TEHERAN. — Iranian oil exports, which have been completely halted by the Islamic revolution since December 28, will resume within a matter of days, deputy premier in charge of revolutionary affairs, Ibrahim Yazdi, said yesterday.

Yazdi made the statement while en route — accompanied by PLO leader Yasser Arafat — to southeastern oil fields that have been shut down by leftist-initiated strikes since early January.

Earlier in the day, another deputy prime minister admitted that Ira-

nian troops had fled barracks occupied by rebellious Kurds in the western Iranian city of Mahabad.

Deputy Prime Minister Amir Entezam told a press conference that negotiations were under way to persuade the Kurdish occupiers to leave peacefully.

But the incident underscored the problems the provisional government of Premier Mehdi Bazargan is facing, as the Iranian Islamic revolution has rekindled long-standing national separatist movements.

On Wednesday, some 100 people were reported killed near the Iraqi border as Kurdish rebels fought Iranian troops in the northern province of Azerbajjan, revolutionary forces have fought battles with Azerbajjan separatists, and in Baluchistan, bordering Pakistan, government forces have had to overwhelm Baluch separatist forces.

The new government announced yesterday that it plans a national referendum on the single question of: "In place of a monarchy, do you favour an Islamic republic?"

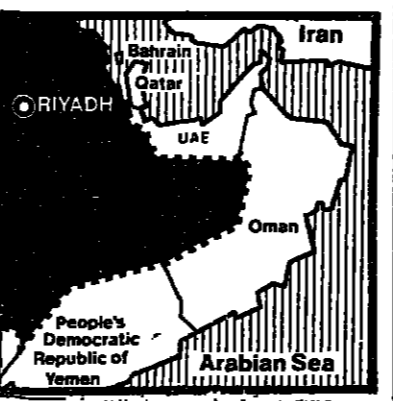
The referendum, scheduled within two weeks, will be followed by elections for a constituent assembly that would be charged with drafting a new constitution, which in turn would be voted on by referendum.

Iran called for the shah's extradition by warning Switzerland not to let the Pahlavi family assume residence in their Alpine estates.

Justice Minister Assadollah Mobarsheri was quoted by local newspapers as having told Switzerland not to allow the shah, or his family in, Mobarsheri was also quoted as saying he has asked for the extradition of some members of the Pahlavi family already in Switzerland, including the former ambassador to the U.S. Ardeshr Zehedi.

The shah, meanwhile, has been reported to have been "shocked" by the executions of eight leading Iranian generals during the past two weeks. "Many of them had been his close friends for years," an aide close to the shah said in Morocco yesterday. "He felt their brutal killing as a terrible personal loss," the aide said. (UPI, AP, Reuter)

Sadat sends troops into Gulf state



By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter

A number of Egyptian troops have arrived in the Gulf Sultanate of Oman to replace Iranian forces which helped Sultan Qabus to quell guerrilla insurgents about three years ago.

Yesterday's confirmation of this move (rumours of which had been reported several times in the last few weeks) from a number of different sources, underlines President Anwar Sadat's declared commitment to act as the defender of Western interests at strategic points in the Middle East and Africa.

Reports from Beirut, the Gulf region and Cairo all said that the Egyptian move followed a recent Iranian decision to call its troops home.

The Abu Dhabi paper "Al Wahda" quoted "well informed diplomatic sources" as saying that the dispatch of 1,500 Egyptian troops had been decided upon when the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Qais al-Zawawi, visited Cairo recently.

An Associated Press despatch from Beirut said that as many as 7,000 Egyptian troops had arrived in Oman, while sources close to the Egyptian government in Cairo would only confirm that several small units of commandos and paratroopers had arrived in the sultanate about a month ago.

Last week, Sadat refused to comment when asked whether he had sent troops to Oman. The question was put to him following his meeting last Saturday with visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Sadat's reported declaration that Egypt would be willing to take over Iran's role as anti-Communist "watchdog" in the strategic Persian Gulf area.

There was no definitive confirmation of the report in Israel last night, but analysts were impressed by Sadat's declaration, made in his address to a joint session of the Egyptian and Sudanese parliaments in Khartoum last month, that Egypt would come to the aid of any pro-Western Arab state threatened by "conspiracies of Soviet expansionism."

U.S. to boost Egypt arms

WASHINGTON. — Responding quickly to an appeal on Wednesday from Sadat, to be allowed to play the role of policeman of the Middle East, the Carter administration said yesterday that it will send a special survey team to Egypt in April to measure that country's weapons needs.

The defence department team's mission could be the first step in a new move by the administration to equip Egypt with modern arms.

"We feel we just had to take a hard look at their defence needs," said one U.S. official, who asked not to be identified.

He said the assessment would be given to Brown, who then would consult with Carter.

U.S. officials said there was no comparable plan to send a survey team to Israel.

Announcing the plan to send the military team to Egypt, White House press secretary Jody Powell told reporters that "the recent events in the region underline the importance of cooperation within that region and our support for our friends there."

Sources said that even before the shah fell, there had been an urgent need to settle the conflict between Israel and Egypt, in order to permit Egypt to "play a stronger role in the Middle East."

Whether Egypt's desire to become the major pro-West power in the Middle East will move her toward making peace concessions to Israel remains to be seen. It was understood that the granting of new weapons requests to Egypt would not be conditional on first achieving a peace settlement (AP, UP).

'Disillusioned' Zuabi to resign Knesset seat

By YOEL DAE Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Self e-Din Zuabi (United Arab List) has decided to resign from the Knesset. Zuabi has been a member of the Knesset since its foundation and was a member of the delegation that informed Chaim Weizmann of his election as first president of the state.

He said yesterday that he decided to retire partly for health reasons but even more because of what he sees as the recent deterioration of relations between Jews and Arabs, as highlighted by the expulsion of Arab students from the Hebrew University. He gave no date for his resignation.

At a lunch given in his Nazareth home yesterday, with Labour Party leader Shimon Peres among the guests, Zuabi said he had hoped to retire after the signing of a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt, which he had thought would follow the Camp David agreements. But he said that lately there had been a radicalization of opinion among Israel's Arabs which makes him pessimistic about the future.

"A lawyer who wants to succeed has to be an extremist; a doctor who wants patients has to demonstrate that he holds radical political opinions; a merchant who wants to do business has to be a communist. But all this will lead only to destruction," he said.

He called on Arab youth to be less extremist and on Jews not to follow people such as Meir Kahane. He was also very critical of the prime minister's advisers on Arab affairs, whom he accused of ignoring moderate elements among the Arab population in favour of conducting a dialogue with the extremists.

"Israeli democracy has not succeeded in improving Arab-Jewish relations," he said. "It has only created anarchy."

Zuabi also complained that he has been ignored by the Likud government, and that he has never had a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The announcement came as a total surprise and Zuabi was bombarded by requests from his supporters to reconsider. But he told The Jerusalem Post that there is no chance that he will change his mind.

"Everything has been lost," he said. Zuabi has not yet decided whether he will also be resigning from the Nazareth Municipal Council, where he leads the opposition faction.



Seif e-Din Zuabi

Seif e-Din Zuabi for his "loyal and faithful service, both to the State of Israel and to the Arab community. It is inconceivable that we should allow any kind of discrimination to exist in Israel. The Arabs will live their own lives and the Jews theirs and together we will build the state."

He also told Zuabi that extremists would not be allowed their victory and that moderation and compromise would eventually win through.

Zuabi, as one of the Arabs who cooperated with the Jewish community in Palestine since before the establishment of the State, has a special place in the country's political life. As well as serving in the Knesset since its establishment, he was also mayor of Nazareth for 10 years. Also among the thousands of people who have visited his home are U.S. President Jimmy Carter and West German President Walter Scheel.

U.S. turns to UN on growing Viet-China war

The U.S. asked for an urgent session of the UN Security Council last night, as the Chinese-Vietnam war escalated and Soviet troop mobilizations and fleet movements were reported.

The Vietnamese regular army was reportedly readying an attack on Chinese forces that had dug in near Lang-Son, the provincial capital of Vietnam's northeastern province. Hanoi radio yesterday reported that Vietnamese forces had killed or wounded some 12,000 Chinese forces, but officials in Peking discounted the report as "absurd."

The U.S. call for the council session was joined by Chile, Norway and Portugal, and informal talks were scheduled for 8 p.m. in New York (1 a.m. Israel time today). UN Ambassador Andrew Young said that there had been "more feverish activity" at the UN headquarters in New York during the past four days than he had seen since he began his post two years ago.

The U.S. move was seen as a potential source of direct verbal clashes between the Soviet Union and China, both permanent members of the council. A "no" vote by either superpower would be a veto of any decision the council produces.

Reports of Soviet mobilization along the Chinese border with Mongolia, combined with reports of hectic Soviet Pacific naval operations near the Vietnamese border in the South China Sea, heightened tension yesterday in the region.

A Pentagon spokesman yesterday refused to confirm or deny reports of the mobilization, but said that several Soviet ships have been reported steaming toward the Vietnamese coast. Unconfirmed reports placed the admiral of the Soviet Union's west Pacific fleet on board one of the Sverdlov class cruisers seen heading into the sea.

Soviet TU-95 "Bear" reconnaissance aircraft have been continuously keeping the China-Vietnam border under surveillance, as three divisions of Chinese infantry and tanks pushed deep into the country.

Hanoi radio reports confirmed that the Chinese invasion had penetrated 28km. into Lang-Son province, where just a year ago a border checkpoint between the two countries was termed "Friendship Gate."

China had originally said it would halt the penetration once the Vietnamese had been "punished," but last night a Chinese official in Peking said that Chinese troops would not be withdrawn "under the present situation," a Japanese news agency reported.

Bangkok intelligence sources could not confirm reports on the depth of the Chinese penetration, but said it looked as if the Chinese were trying to draw Vietnamese into a set-piece battle.

Reports also reached Japan yesterday that the Chinese have been conducting tactical air strikes in the mountainous northeastern provinces of Vietnam. Vietnam has so far hesitated in using its Mig aircraft, intelligence sources said, for

fear of drawing into the conflict the 700-plane air force China has based just across the border.

At the western end of the border yesterday, Vietnam was said to be rushing reinforcements to Lao Cai, the major communications and railway centre on the Red River, which was reportedly captured on Tuesday.

Vietnam also reportedly ordered home some 30,000 troops stationed in northwestern Cambodia, intelligence sources said.

Chinese infantry were also reported within 17 km. of the strategic Highway 4, in Vietnam's coastal Quang Ninh province yesterday.

Hanoi charged yesterday that the Chinese are readying an attack "on an even larger scale than that of Saturday" when the Chinese attacked in a pre-dawn raid at 14 points along the border.

Until now, reports from the area have been sketchy, with China silent on its plans for the invasion, and Vietnam claiming victories and losses in almost the same breath on Hanoi radio broadcasts.

But Western diplomatic sources said last night that the UN Security Council session could clarify Chinese intentions, and could serve to let off some of the tension that has built up over Soviet intentions in the region.

The U.S. has said it plans to refrain from any intervention in the region and its call for withdrawal has included Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia. Last Christmas Day, Vietnam toppled the Khmer Rouge regime, which had been supported by China.

Reaction to the events in Indochina continued to be heard yesterday around the world. Rumania maintained its posture of refraining from attacking China, while India charged China had played the aggressor's role.

In Australia and New Zealand the events were seen with some trepidation, and other U.S. allies in the region, including Thailand, reiterated their calls for a cease-fire and withdrawals by both China and Vietnam.

The Soviet Union continued its blasts at China and the U.S. The official Soviet news agency Tass, in a dispatch from Washington, criticized President Jimmy Carter for failing to condemn the Chinese as aggressors.

Japan has offered to mediate in the battle, with the Japanese foreign minister saying that he feared a long battle and a large-scale war.

Foreign Minister Sumo Sonoda told the parliament in Tokyo that Japan is "extremely anxious" and that it would be willing to cooperate "no matter what the risks," in order to negotiate a peaceful settlement. (UPI, Reuter, AP)

Call to conserve water

Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir yesterday called on the public, industry and farmers to conserve water, in the face of this year's apparent drought. In an interview on Army Radio, he said if conservation measures did not prove effective, some kind of rationing would have to be introduced. (Him)

Sadat world tour in April

WASHINGTON. — President Anwar Sadat is expected to visit the U.S., Europe and Japan in late April, sources on the White House staff said yesterday.

The mass-circulation newspaper "Al-Akhar" said yesterday that Sadat would be discussing with U.S. leaders a \$15b. economic development programme for Egypt.

The paper's editor Mousa Sabri said Egyptian officials were studying specific projects which they hoped would be financed by a "Carter plan" similar to the U.S. Marshall Plan, which aided European reconstruction after World War II.

The paper also mentioned that the projects would include Sinai reclamation and improvements in transportation, health services and other fields.

Sabri also wrote in "Al-Akhar" that he was not optimistic about the peace talks at Camp David.

He said Israel was not prepared to end military rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Economist rules out hope of rental housing

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

There is no chance in Israel of building new housing for rental, according to a Bank of Israel economist. The economist, Amos Rubin, says that rental housing is on the way out all over the world, and that owners abroad are beginning to take over ownership of buildings, "even for free."

Rubin, who has specialized for years in housing, says the only solution to the real problem of those who lack sufficient capital to buy lies in the direction being suggested by the bank, the Treasury and the Housing Ministry — a changeover to linked mortgages.

In a paper he has prepared in reaction to the public demand for new rental housing, Rubin says that rental housing would not solve the housing shortage because it would cost more to rent than to buy a flat. He says that a flat worth 11,700,000 sh. would demand a 10 per cent yearly return on his investment. This means that the 10,000 flat would rent for about 1,200 a month.

However, were the tenant instead required to buy it, at a (notional) full, linked mortgage payable at 7 per cent linked interest over a period of 20 years, he would only be paying the equivalent of 115,215 a month (in present prices) over that period.

Rubin admits that the small-scale private flat owner would be renting out the 11,700,000 flat today for about 115,000-115,500. But, he says, the small-scale renter does not really make a profit, due to taxes, and is only holding the property for capital appreciation. The commercial or institutional owner would demand at least double the rent, he said, both in order to profit and out of fear that he might not be able to eject tenants who would refuse to pay the periodic rent increases made necessary by inflation.

(Rubin notes that both the law and Israel's social norms recognize that the little man is entitled to demand such increases, but says that this might not work for commercial firms renting out flats for profit.)

To back up his thesis that the world — including the communist countries — is going over to home ownership, Rubin cites these figures for ownership: Israel, 70 per cent; England, 53 per cent; U.S., 68 per cent (however, he does not note that in the latter two the dwellings are almost all private houses on private plots of land).

Rubin also maintains that it is actually easier for an owner to move than for a tenant, as, he says, the owner is not afraid of losing any advantages he might have held through tenancy. Rubin also says that under the system that makes it necessary to buy rather than rent, people can be more readily convinced to find the money.



Shimon Biton (centre), who escaped from Ma'anyahu prison last Sunday, discusses his surrender with Yitzhak Agansi (left), director-general of the President's Bureau. (Eliharar-Zoom 77)

Escapee gives himself up at President Navon's house

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 21-year-old prisoner who escaped from the Ma'anyahu prison on Sunday paid a surprise visit to Beit Hanassi yesterday to give himself up. He was driven to police headquarters by the director-general of the President's Bureau, Shimon Biton, who was sentenced to five-and-a-half years in prison for planning a Tel Aviv diamond robbery in 1977, appeared outside the president's residence in Jerusalem at 9.45 a.m. He was accompanied by members of his family and Yossi Bar, a police reporter at "Yediot Aharonot," whom he had notified the day before.

Yitzhak Agassi, the director-general, agreed to see them even though an appointment had been set. In a quiet voice, Biton explained that President Yitzhak Navon had not granted him a pardon after receiving a negative recommendation from Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir. The prisoner had written to Navon asking him to reconsider, and received a note from the Beit Hanassi staff informing him that it had been brought to the president's attention.

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The forgotten 15% guideline — chaos in wage rise figures

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

State employees received a 39.4 per cent raise within the 1978-79 40 per cent wage framework agreement, according to a reliable government source.

This was the latest number thrown out in the percentage war of the last several days over who received how much by what calculation. It came from Civil Service Commission sources, in response to charges of inflated increases in that sector.

The sources said that under conditions of 5 per cent inflation per month, the timing of raises takes on added importance. Different figures are based on different basic wages, they explained: Sometimes not all components are included, increases themselves are some items calculated separately as well, and sometimes accumulatively, affecting their announced amounts.

The "framework" agreement is also subject to varying interpretations. Originally, raises were not to exceed 15 per cent, but then a 7 per cent increase was incorporated, and now the figure most commonly quoted is 40 per cent.

Three different forms of raises gave the state comptroller's employees a total of 48 per cent more this year, to keep them on a par with the tax workers, who received a special 30 per cent raise last year.

Tax workers are also directly responsible for the latest conflict between the National Insurance Institute and the Treasury. The latter claims that the insurance workers received 40 per cent more than the framework guidelines. Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz argues that the figure was only 14-17 per cent, but in either case, the workers had demanded that their salary's historic linkage to that of tax workers be preserved.

Nurses received 50 per cent raises, aimed at keeping them from leaving the profession, and the social workers' increase was reported at 30-70 per cent. In fact, no one is providing precise figures of how the raises were calculated, and a complex set of corrections, updates, rank changes, advances and other elements are involved.

One thing is clear: All workers, and the government as well, have long since forgotten the original 15 per cent guideline.

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Eurovision song goes off the air

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If you've forgotten how "Hallelujah," Israel's entry in the Eurovision Song Contest, goes, you'll have to wait another eight days.

According to European Broadcasting Union regulations, entries cannot be aired by the country's local radio stations from the time they are selected until March 3. Both Israel Radio and the Army Programme have refrained from playing the song.

The regulation is aimed especially at European countries taking part in the contest; if an entry is aired in one country, it soon becomes known in the whole continent — an eventuality that could prejudice the judges.

Builders will discuss housing with government

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Builders will begin talks with the government in efforts to help solve the country's problems of housing. This was decided yesterday at a closed meeting between American and Israeli participants in this week's International Convention on Building, at the Hilton Hotel.

Mordechai Paldi, director-general of the Federation of Builders and Contractors in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that his organization will coordinate the suggestions made by the foreign participants.

"We've decided to get involved in this right away, even though the government is directly responsible for solving the social problems of housing," Paldi said.

The convention became controversial when several Americans walked out because the discussions centered on builders' profits rather than the social aspects of housing.

Paldi said after the closed meeting that "we will be sending the Americans frequent reports on our progress with the government and in the industry as a whole."

S. evangelicals back 'unified J'lem'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Plans to relocate the American Evangelical group representing about three million fundamentalist Christians, has adopted a resolution urging the U.S. government to move its embassy to Jerusalem, the undivided capital of Israel.

The group's president, Dr. Barry Hurwitz, the prime minister's adviser on information, has just returned from a mission to Jerusalem, where he was a guest speaker at the Mission to America Convention, which issued the resolution. The delegates passed a four-point

programme that commits the group to "work to build up the land of promise and its physical development through specific projects." They also decided to increase the effectiveness of the National Christian Leadership Conference on Israel as a "major instrument of Christian activity on behalf of Israel." They asked that organization to convene a national meeting at the earliest possible date.

The evangelicals committed themselves to "work unflinchingly on behalf of Israel and to pray for peace."

Flomin warns Labour against retroactive legislation

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the Alignment is serious about its threats to enact retroactive legislation should it regain power, the Likud government might do likewise during its present term of office, Deputy Finance Minister Yeheskel Flomin warned on Wednesday in a speech to the Liberal Party Central Committee.

Flomin was referring to a statement made earlier in the day in the Knesset by the Alignment's Michael Harish, in which he said that if the government goes ahead with legislation to launder black capital, his party would on its return to power, repeal the Likud law with retroactive effect. This would mean that those who declared their black capital under the new law would be liable to prosecution.

Flomin told the committee members that he intends to clarify the matter with the Labour Party in order to discover, "whether this is official party policy or an inadvertent slip of the tongue by Harish. If we discover that Labour is seriously toying with the dangerous idea of retroactive legislation, there is no reason why we should not dabble in some ourselves."

Flomin warned that the Likud "might retroactively change some of the financial legislation enacted by previous Labour governments. If we were to do this, I have no doubt that Micha Harish and his colleagues would be very sorry people."

Liberal insiders told *The Jerusalem Post* that they thought Flomin's threats were directed against vested economic interests of the Labour Party, such as kibbutzism and Histadrut concerns, which in the past had enjoyed special tax privileges. Retroactive legislation could remove their legality and enforce payment of old taxes according to higher rates.

Flomin declared that "retroactive legislation is reprehensible in a democratic country. You cannot charge a person for past deeds which had been legal at the time they were committed. This undermines the very stability of government and contradicts the principle of continuity of government."

Reacting to Flomin's threats yesterday, Harish said that his suggestion of retroactive legislation "is at this stage a personal opinion. However, I think that it is justified and it may yet become one of the ways we would fight the laundering of black capital. The suggestion would be put before the party and the idea may become party policy."

Civil Service head tells seminar: 'Strikes are sometimes useful'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Failure to sign work contracts on April 1, 1978 was to the economy's advantage and not a failure of poor planning, Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman told a seminar at Tel Aviv University yesterday.

"I don't claim that we are 100 per cent successful, but there is a plan behind what we are doing — we aren't just groping in the dark as some previous governments have done," Friedman said.

Friedman maintained that strikes are sometimes important, not because the workers get more than they otherwise would have, but because they give workers a chance to release tensions — and give works' committees or unions a chance to show the rank and file that they are militant.

Students miffed at use of their wares

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four students of the Technion Faculty of Architecture, who worked a full year on town planning projects based on the proposed rehabilitation of Jerusalem's Nahla's neighbourhood, were forced to exhibit the fruits of their labours in a tiny room on the second floor of the Jerusalem Municipal Centre on Jaffa Road.

Those members of the public who actually managed to find their way into the exhibition were greeted by the sight of piles of maps, diagrams, photographs and three-dimensional models stacked on top of each other in the foyer because there was insufficient wall-space to display them properly.

Dvora Remez, one of the Haifa students, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the projects had formed part of a special "Year of Jerusalem" at the Technion. "We all put a lot of our time and money into this work and we expected at least the opportunity to display it properly," she said.

"This is an exercise — not an exhibition as the students seem to think it should be," said Yisrael Kimche, head of the municipality's planning policy department, in answer to the students' complaints. "Each student has the chance to explain his ideas to the audience, which includes the staff of the 'municipal' planning department. They took the project seriously and have produced good work but this is an exercise and nothing more than that," he said.

Arab council heads reelect MK Mwais

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — MK Hanna Mwais (Democratic Front), was re-elected yesterday as chairman of the committee of Chairmen of Arab Local Councils. The Mayor of Shfar'am, Ibrahim Nimer Hussein, a Moslem of moderate views, was elected vice chairman; the six-man executive committee is divided down the middle between moderates and radicals, each side having three representatives.

Interior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was far from happy with the election of the committee. "They should be acting within the framework of the local authorities. The Arabs have similar local problems to the Jews, and the two groups should solve them together. I am for unity — not divisions," Dr. Burg said.

DROPOUTS. — During the November-December teachers strike 875 high school pupils dropped out of school. Of these, 360 eventually returned to class and 315 found jobs. Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer said in the Knesset on Wednesday, responding to a parliamentary question.

Psy-turvy day in bridge tourney

Post Bridge Reporter

The second session on Wednesday of the Team of Four contest in the International Bridge Festival at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv was a psy-turvy affair. New leaders took places previously held by the four teams. The local Millstone team advanced from eighth to first place, while the Kibbutz team of Adnan and Israeli players moved its standing, going from fifth to third place.

Following are the leading teams in the names of their captains and scores (the average score was in Victory Points):

1. Millstone, Israel, 97
 2. Ormeston, Israel, 85
 3. Kibbutz, Canada, Israel, 85
 4. Golan, Israel, 85
 5. E. Schwarz, Israel, 84
 6. Ben Nahum, Israel, 83
 7. Morana, Israel, 83
 - 8/9. Frydlich, Israel, 81
 10. Kibbutz, Israel, 81
- The third and final session of the Teams of Four took place last night. At 5 p.m. today, there is to be a special game at the Dan Carmel Hotel in Haifa. On Saturday evening, at the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, the first of four sessions of the Blue Ribbon Pairs, for the Philip Morris Cup will take place.

ZO complaint on ministers abroad

K Avraham Katz, chairman of World Zionist Organization's Health and Welfare Department, asked Prime Minister Menachem Begin in a letter to it that government ministers meet with ZO emissaries when they are abroad and talk about the eyes of the local Jewish community.

Seven department emissaries in Miami recently noted in a letter to Katz that Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and MK Yigal Alon all visited their city but failed to contact ZO emissaries.

In a letter he sent to the premier on Tuesday, Katz said that he frequently receives complaints from his department's emissaries about ministers' practice of ignoring them when they represent the government on foreign trips. Such disregard, said Katz, discredits the emissaries in the eyes of the local Jewish community.

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By DON OBERDORFER Washington Post News Service WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union is not likely to invade China if the Sino-Vietnamese border war remains essentially on the present scale, according to the U.S. State Department's top Soviet expert.

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for another term. The Premier sent Seidel a nicely-vague answer. Thanking him for his interest, he wrote: "There is no point in advancing things. By law there are another two and half years left until the elections. So why should we bring forward the discussion on an issue that is not yet on our agenda?"

JUSTICE MINISTER Shmuel Tamir marked a milestone last week when he returned to Herut HQ to deliver a lecture to Herut's local branch, some 12 years after his expulsion from the Party. The Knesset corridors are buzzing with rumours that the Democrats may either join the Likud as a separate faction, and talks to that effect have reportedly been conducted by their secretary Ram Ben; or that they may unite with the Liberal Party, an idea heartily advocated by Energy and Communications Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who hopes to have Tamir as a hawkish ally. So where, the pundits ask, does that leave the party's titular head, Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin? Will he retire from politics as it has been rumoured? Or play second fiddle to Tamir?

Former Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Disraeli, who just stepped down as our economic minister in New York, is apparently not coming home so soon. It is said that he is going to work in the business operations of Max Fischer of Detroit, the chairman of the Jewish Agency Governors. A bitter struggle is currently raging in the moshav movement, with wide political ramifications. The 245 moshavim, with a population of 100,000, are having their national convention in June, and the contest for the leadership is on between movement secretary-general Arye Nehemkin of Nahalal and former Agriculture Minister Aharon Usan of Gilat. The former represents the

veteran moshavim, while the latter speaks for the post-1948 immigrants, who claim that the old-timers have too much power.

Of broader interest is the political line-up. Nehemkin is hawkish and good friends with Le'am's Yigal Hurwitz, and Moshe Dayan, is a schoolmate from Nahalal, while Usan is a prominent ex-Mapal dove.

WEST GERMAN Ambassador Klaus Schulz turned his Herzliya drawing room last Saturday evening into a private studio, screening one of the best films on David Ben-Gurion I've ever seen. It lasted 45 minutes and gave B-G's life and a big chunk of Zionist history as seen through the eyes of his wife, Paula. The script was written by Mira Avrech, "Yediot Aharonot" columnist, and based on her book "Paula." This is her third film; she won second prize in the New York Commercial Film Festival of 1970 for a film on El Al.

Producer David Goldstein and Director Ilan Eldad dug up some marvellous old film from Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine and presented World War I New York. Those present felt most nostalgic: Social Settlement and Labour Minister Israel Katz said he would like his children and other youngsters to see it for educational reasons; Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chick) Lahat would

keeping him away from Zion, which he last saw in 1967.

AMOS OZ, our best-selling author on the world's bookshelves (his literary agent is Deborah Owen, wife of the British Foreign Secretary) is a lifelong member of Kibbutz Hulda. The story goes that one day in the communal dining hall, the kibbutz treasurer approached Oz and said: "Amos, you are the most profitable branch of our economy. Can't we help you in some way? Maybe we can assign you two of the elderly haverim?"

Israel's flag will fly alongside those of 18 other countries, including four from the Soviet bloc, at next month's opening of the International Festival of Puppet Theatres at London's National Theatre. Our official representative (and he's got Foreign Ministry backing) will be Eric Smith, whose "Eric's Puppet Theatre" has delighted thousands of Israeli children — and adults — over the past seven years. Unlike similar artists, he has no official financial support. His fame has spread, however, and last year he flew to Munich with his six puppeteers and his equipment to make seven films for Bavaria TV, which will now be submitted as West Germany's official entry to the Cannes Children's TV Festival this year.

The Festival in London — where

Smith will put on "The Snow Queen" — is under the auspices of UNIMA, the UNESCO-sponsored and Warsaw-based World Institute of Puppet Theatres. Three of his six puppeteers are Russian immigrants. The British Council has recommended the display of Smith's posters and puppetry art at the famed Sadler's Wells Theatre. In addition, British TV is expected to screen his puppets in the Israel TV Children's series "Tamari's Hut" with Camerl Theatre actor Yossi Graber as Tamari the cobbler pottering around among all those puppets. The series were sufficiently successful to bring their creator, Talma Elyagon, to produce the show's record and five books, which have already sold out their first edition, she told me. (I liked the one where Pili the elephant eats a field of spaghetti).

Ephraim Kishon's status as a German cultural monument is soon to be accorded formal sanction. He is the fourth speaker at the festive opening of the West Berlin International Congress Centre, which with 5,000 seats will be the largest hall in Europe. Appearing with Kishon will be none other than West Germany's President Walter Schell and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Klaus Schütz, now Ambassador to Israel, initiated the Congress Centre project when he was Mayor of West Berlin. He will be flying there for the event as well as Mayors Kollek and Lahat.

ON LEARNING that Kishon will be on the same platform as conductor Herbert von Karajan of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, I asked the humorist how it felt appearing alongside a man who used to conduct Wagner in Nazi uniform. Kishon, who is a survivor of the Holocaust, told me: "I have no connection with von Karajan. I regard my appearance as my own private revenge on Hitler." It is no news that von Karajan has been trying to get an invitation for years to perform here with the IFO. On hearing reports that some top people at the IFO are now thinking of bringing him here, I called IFO

secretary-general Abe Cohen. He told me that "no formal proposal has been put to the IFO management," adding: "Anyhow, our boys would not play under him."

My interview last week with Ya'acov Eilat, the Bar-Ilan lecturer in criminology who served as secretary of the Shimron enquiry commission into crime, apparently caused some disturbances in the NRP which of course was not intended. I wish to go on record therefore that the NRP political advisor who advised Eilat that his career might be jeopardized if he kept pressing Interior Minister Yosef Burg to do something about the war against crime, was not commissioned to do so by Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, who incidentally attends the same synagogue as Eilat. In addition, I wish to go on record that holding an NRP membership card is not a condition for being appointed to the Bar-Ilan University academic staff.

Yediot Aharonot managing-editor Dov Yudkovsky last weekend hosted an all-party gathering at his home to mark the publication of Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres' latest book "Go With The Man," which his paper brought out jointly with Idanlim. It is a series of portraits about David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol, Berl Katznelson, Nathan Alterman, Ernst David Bergmann, Moshe Haviv and Yonatan Netanyahu (of Entebbe fame). It was an unusual social event for his country, being attended by President Yitzhak Navon, Defence Minister Weizman, Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer, former Labour Ministers: Abba Eban, Haim Barlev and Yehesha Rabinowitz, Foreign Ministry Director-General Yosef Clechanoover, Miriam Eshkol in a rare social appearance, and Yediot Aharonot publisher Noah Moses. Eban, in a witty speech, praised Peres for his fair, humane treatment of his subjects, despite political rifts with some when alive. Peres, in his response, noted that in Israel it was near-impossible to write favourable things about live people.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

POST correspondent HYAM CORNEY interviews WILLIAM WHITELAW, deputy leader of Britain's Conservative Party, who is due to arrive in Israel on Sunday for a five-day official visit.



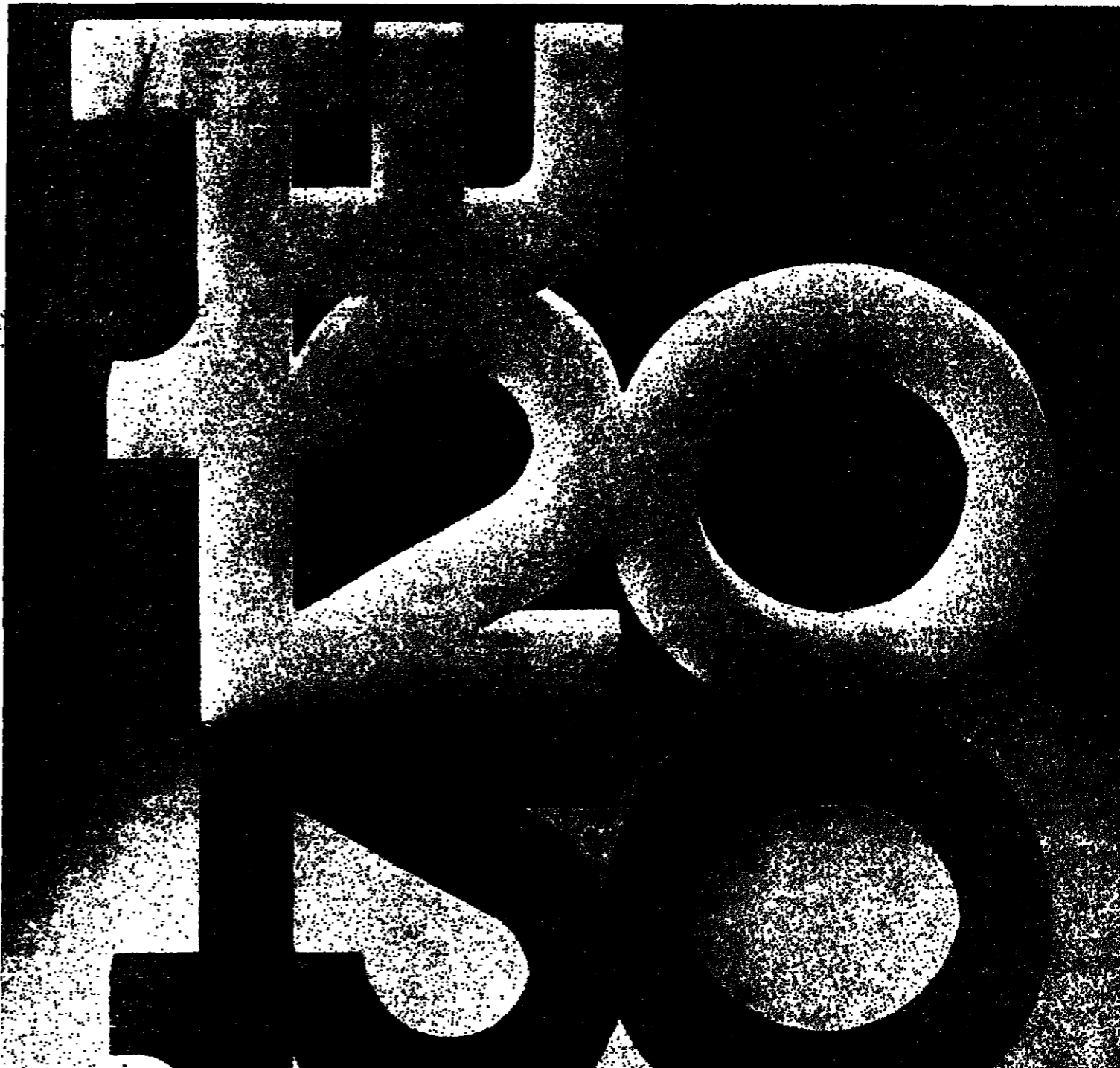
William Whitelaw

LONDON. — If anyone can be described as "typically British" — the very best sense of the term — it is Willie Whitelaw (no one calls him William). Educated at a public school (Winchester, one of the best) and later at Cambridge, where he gained an Honours degree in Law and History, he then served throughout World War II with the Guards Tank Battalion. He is awarded the Military Cross in the Normandy Campaign. Completing the picture of the typical British gentleman, he is a landowner and farmer (when he is not busy with politics) and lists his hobbies as shooting and golf (he won "Blue" for golf at Cambridge). Shortly after the war ended, young Whitelaw (he was not yet 30) was sent to Palestine. "I formed an enormous admiration for the work I was being done by the Jews," he told me when I went to see him in his office in the Houses of Parliament. "I've remained a very strong admirer ever since."

There were any differences between Labour and Tory Middle East policy. "There are no major differences — only differences of emphasis. Both parties have members who take a stronger pro-Israel or pro-Arab view than the majority but everyone, I hope, basically accepts the State of Israel, desperately hopes for peace and recognises that Israel must have regard for its own security. The exact balance of the agreements to be reached, the exact position of the PLO — these are matters that everyone in Britain desperately hopes can be settled. "No one will pressure Israel to give up areas that she regards as fundamental to her security. As for the British government, whichever one it is, it will do its best by supporting the U.S. in its endeavours." Is there not a bigger role that Britain can play? "I would like to find this out while I

am in Israel. If there is some other way that we could help, I'd like to hear it. But I would doubt if there is." I ASKED Whitelaw how his party differed from Labour in regard to two matters of vital concern to Israel: the Arab boycott and the possible supply of North Sea oil to the Jewish State. He opted out of both questions on the legitimate grounds that he was not sufficiently familiar with the facts (he is his party's spokesman on home affairs) and said that he would like to learn more about it while in Israel. But he did have some clear views on other matters of concern, such as the continued presence in the heart of London of a PLO office. "I don't like it. I must admit," he told me, "but I doubt if you can deny such organizations the right to have offices as long as they do not break the law. True, we don't allow the IRA, but once something is there, you can make martyrs of them by seeking to remove them. "But if there was ever any evidence that the PLO office was being used for terrorist pursuits against Jews in London, I'd be absolutely against its continued presence. Fortunately, the office is not gaining any support for the PLO in Britain and I wouldn't want to blow it up — perhaps that's an unfortunate choice of phrase, I mean boost its importance — by drawing attention to it." Willie Whitelaw is familiar with terrorism. In 1972-3, he was appointed the first-ever Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and saw at first-hand the tragedies of Belfast. He is full of praise for the way that Israel has dealt with one manifestation of modern terrorism — hijacking. "The Israel government has shown a firm stand which has earned a great deal of admiration in Britain." He was pleased, too, at increased cooperation among civilized countries to combat all forms of terrorism but felt that there was still a long way to go in this direction. As for the National Front, Britain's neo-fascist, racist party, Whitelaw had this to say: "In voting terms, they are mercifully not very strong. But they have to be watched. I prefer to deal with them by telling the British public just what they stand for. I personally regard them as evil. They need a scapegoat. It's the coloureds today but it could be the Jews tomorrow. "We must persuade the British people by argument. You have to allow the National Front and other such groups the democratic right to stand for elections and to march." What kind of picture of Britain — which has suffered one of the worst winters ever, apart from the Labour unrest — would he present if asked in Israel? "I shall refuse to indulge in political criticism abroad — the place to argue is in my own country — but let no one write Britain off. People have tried in the past and have been proven wrong."

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That warning was given by Dr. Tunis Abu-Rabia, a Beerseba physician who is a respected spokesman of the Negev Beduin, to the 250 participants in a symposium held last Sunday at Midrasa Sde Boker. It was the tenth of the annual symposia held in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, a young kibbutnik, intensely involved in the life of the Beduin, who was killed in military service. The theme this year was a political one: the situation of the Beduin in Israel today.

"The relationship between the Beduin and the government is worse than at any time in the history of the state," said Dr. Yitzhak Bailey, a noted expert on Beduin affairs who chaired the symposium.

Professor Daniel Amit, a founder of the Israel Civil Rights Association, spoke on the legal position of the Beduin and Meir Bats, the Interior Ministry's chief planner in the south, on the role of the Beduin within the framework of a highly industrialized Negev in an era of peace.

The conflict between the Beduin and the government over ownership of land and grazing rights has been going on for the last decade. What worried the people gathered at Sde Boker was the methods of dealing with the situation that have been employed recently by the state — or at least by its appointed agents in the Lands Administration Authority and the Green Patrol.

"The government has decided to solve the problem by force," Bailey told them. "It has intensified its efforts to reduce flocks, often unlawfully, and is pushing the Beduin off their lands and concentrating them in certain areas."

Bailey and the other supporters of the Beduin cause depicted a systematic government policy over the last two years of uprooting and relocating Beduin, closing its eyes to the harassment, sometimes violent, by its agents.

"These moves are being conducted with an alarming disregard for the due process of law, to which the Beduin — like all other citizens of Israel — are entitled," said Bailey.

Hundreds of tents have been torn down and permanent housing units raised to the ground, often without giving the Beduin a chance to save their personal property. Thousands of sheep and goats have been rounded up, allegedly for grazing on reserved areas, and taken to the Beerseba quarantine compound, from which the animals are released only upon payment of a fine.

The biggest operation in the past year was mounted on December 4, when about 40 families from the Yeroham area, comprising 260 people, were ordered to evacuate the site within 24 hours or risk seeing



their homes destroyed and property confiscated. Despite the fact that these members of the El-Asama tribe have occupied the site for 18 years, they were told that the army needed the area for a firing zone.

THESE REMOVALS began well before Camp David, but the planned transfer of the IDF forces from the Sinai to the Negev has given added impetus to the necessity of relocating the Beduin. A major dispute revolves around a large area northeast of Beerseba, known as Tel el-Malakh, which is earmarked for the construction of a new airport.

While the nomad-resettlement activities began under the Labour regime, the Begin government has shown a heightened sensitivity to the occupation of state-owned land by non-Jewish citizens, or "squatters," as it regards the Beduin.

Most vociferous on the subject is Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who sees the spectre of thousands of Beduin encampments establishing "facto" on land designated for Jewish settlement.

Last year, Sharon served notice that he would clamp down on the Beduin practice of building houses without proper licences. He has made good his threat by sending bulldozers to carry out demolition orders at various sites.

IF THE GOVERNMENT'S behaviour is seen by the Beduin and their Jewish supporters as arbitrary and illegal, the state's agents — in particular the Green Patrols — are regarded as wicked subordinates executing decisions with unbridled ruthlessness and strong-arm tactics.

repeatedly resorted to vigilante-style tactics, riding roughshod in their jeeps and trucks over Beduin villages and encampments.

Reports of bullying and intimidation by patrolmen carrying out evacuation edicts recur with alarming frequency. Units have been known to swoop down on encampments, confiscating or scattering herds, destroying property, and threatening women and children with loaded pistols. They have also encouraged local Jewish settlements, which, for the most part, have had harmonious relations with the Beduin, to take action against nomads living on their property.

"The Green Patrol is a force operating outside the framework of the law," said Prof. Amit, who claimed that the units have no legal mandate to serve as a police force.

A SURVEY after the war of Independence showed that there were about 15,000 Beduin living in the Negev. The number has more than doubled since then. In 1961, those remaining in the western part were moved, for security reasons, to a large triangle lying 50 kms. northeast of Beerseba. When the security restrictions were lifted a few years later, these tribes were not allowed to return to their original land. Today, the triangle is intended to serve as a "reservation," where all the Negev's Beduin population.

In 1963 a law was enacted providing that any Beduin living in the western Negev would be entitled to compensation if he were moved to the northeast Negev. But by then, most of them had already been relocated.

"This is the Catch 22 that makes the Beduin wary of accepting any more government promises to move now and receive compensation later," Amit told the seminar.

Although the land issue is at the core of the dispute, neither Abu-Rabia nor the other proponents of Beduin rights are making a case for continued dispersal in the Negev. They realize that with the development of the state, the plans for developing the Negev in an era of peace, and the impending IDF withdrawal from Sinai in the desert region, the days of the Beduin living on traditional lands and roaming freely with their flocks are numbered.

"What the Beduin want is proper compensation for their land," declared Amit. "They merit the same treatment as the Rafiah settlers expect to receive upon leaving their settlements."

THE CASE for the Beduin, it should be mentioned, is not as faultless as they or their Jewish supporters would have it. So long as the Negev was a desert wasteland, the Beduin showed little interest in claiming it for themselves. But with intensified irrigation and industrialization and the impending large-scale use for military purposes, they are well aware that it has become a valuable piece of real estate. Nor should the state be labelled an oppressor of a minority. Compared with the callous and often brutal treatment by neighbouring Arab states of their Beduin populations, Israel's behaviour deserves commendation. As Israeli citizens the Beduin are eligible for educational, social and health services. Their infant mortality rate has dropped to virtually the same as that of the Jewish population. Water and electricity have been made increasingly available and special agricultural advisory programmes have been designed for them.

"We are not against the Beduin," David Levanon, head of the Beerseba branch of the Lands Administration Authority told the Sde Boker participants. "We simply cannot provide electricity, water and schools to every hamula and encampment spread over the south." It is the government's contention that concentration is necessary in order to improve services to the Beduin.

THE GOVERNMENT'S plan is for six "townships" in the reservation triangle to house the majority of the Negev's 35,000 Beduin. Two of these urban settlements — Kfar Shoval and Tel Sheva — have already been established, and work has begun in four new locales. In each case, a Beduin family can purchase a one-dunam plot for the nominal sum of IL8,500 and receive a IL20,000 loan toward building a house.

THE MAJORITY of the Beduin are not "cooperating" in this plan, although over 3,000 such plots have been sold to date. Not only do they fear that, by doing so, they will forfeit their right to receive compensation for abandoned property, but they say they prefer agriculture-

based settlements. The government representatives claim that there is simply not enough water available for the latter purpose. Moreover, the permanent settlement of the Beduin is seen as necessary for the development of the region.

"The future of the Negev is in industry. And for that we need technicians and workers, not farmers," said chief planner Meir Bats.

Few responsible observers deny the necessity of resettling the Beduin and restricting their herd movements. But they insist that this be carried out legally and with respect for the traditional values of the tribesmen.

"The most objectionable aspect is that they are pushed off their lands without being given the alternative of living as they want," said Dr. Bailey. "It is a complete destruction of their way of life."

Some officials have added insult to injury by insinuating that many Beduin are acting as agents for Israel's enemies; that they are paid to create tension by spreading their flocks and are monitoring IDF troop movements for Israel's enemies. Although most responsible leaders refuse to take the insinuations seriously, the allegations have tainted the Beduin cause.

Last week, a report was published in "Ma'ariv" that the Beduin are being recruited by Israel's radical left, in particular the Communist Party, Rakah. Several Beduin shekels vehemently denied the allegation.

ALTHOUGH the Beduin have not become politically radicalized, it is true that they have become more vocal in presenting their case.

"We want the government to open a serious dialogue with us," says Dr. Abu-Rabia. "We are prepared to discuss all the issues concerning the Beduin in the hope of reaching an integrated plan to solve the problems."

Abu-Rabia believes that the establishment of a "Beduin Authority," similar to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, would be a step in the right direction.

Another immediate priority, he says, is to curb the Green Patrol and limit its activities. The Beduin Rights Committee is now considering challenging in the courts the legitimacy of the Green patrol to act as a police force.

While some of the Sde Boker participants sounded ominous notes about the exercise of justice insofar as the Beduin are concerned, the seminar showed broad agreement on the steps that are required to give them a fair deal. No single formula certainly not the use of force — will solve the complex and serious problem of Israel's Beduin. But a full airing of the dilemma, such as took place at Sde Boker, offers the best hope of reaching an acceptable compromise.

British Jews brace for 'Nazi Front' fight

By MARK SEGAL/Post Political Reporter

THE ANGLO-JEWISH community is steeling itself for the appearance of hundreds of racist inciters and rabble-rousers in this election year in Britain.

Hayim Pinner, 53, secretary-general of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told me during a short visit to Israel that the neo-fascist National Front is going to contest hundreds of seats in the parliamentary elections. Though they are not expected to win any constituency, such a massive presence will oblige the country-wide TV and radio networks to give them "equal time" exposure during peak viewing and listening hours.

The Board, through its Jewish defence department and such widely respected Jewish spokesmen as its president, Lord Fisher of Camden, has taken the lead in exposing the National Front.

Pinner mentioned the series of pamphlets issued by the Board which have been used by the three mainstream parties, Labour, Conservative and Liberal. On a different level, the Board's slogan, "The National Front is a Nazi Front" has struck with some popular effect, compounded by the publication in the press of photographs — traced by the Board — showing the NF leadership in Nazi uniform.

Moreover, the Jewish community managed to infiltrate the neo-fascist movement to ascertain what they are really saying and planning.

"For the moment their convenient and visible target is the immigrant community, but we are well aware that their main object is 'to get the Jews,' as they put it," he said. Thus the Jewish community is on the alert for neo-fascist hoodlums in immigrant neighbourhoods, and does its best to counter racist incitement by the National Front.

What has been of considerable help in deterring the racists is the Race Relations Act, which renders illegal incitement to racial and ethnic (but not religious) hatred. Jews are covered as an ethnic community. In this connection, Pinner mentioned a recent precedent in court, when a racial inciter against coloured immigrants was sent to prison for nine months under the terms of the Act.

FROM THE POINT of view of countering National Front propaganda, the "Holocaust" TV film had a considerable effect. Pinner related that it had been the subject of controversy from the moment the idea of screening the U.S. production was suggested. It had been planned for non-prime time viewing on the BBC-2 network, which has a minor viewing potential. After suitable representations by the Board, however, the BBC manage-

ment decided to show it on three successive nights at prime time on BBC-1. More than 20 million people saw it in Britain, and it aroused enormous interest.

Pinner then told me of the battle on the campuses conducted by Anglo and their left-wing allies against Jewish students. Many of them are not bona fide students, Pinner related, and they harass Jewish Israeli university students.

One result of this campaign has been the enormous revival of interest among Jewish students leading to a more active involvement in Jewish affairs. Some assimilated young Jews have learned about their Jewish roots about Israel and Zionism in their adversarial, Pinner related.

PINNER took on his duties as Board in 1977 after having served years as executive director of British Bnei Brist and as representative of International Bnei Brist in London. He remains an active member of the Anglo-Jewish establishment, still serving as honorary vice-president of the Zionist Federation, having been chairman of the Labour Party Movement in Britain for some years.

The new secretary-general appointment was seen by people part of the reforming process of the 230-year-old Board under the popular Presidency of Lord Fisher, who will end six years in office this July.

The Board, which sees itself as an "Anglo-Jewish Parliament," has many deputies. Indicative of the body's more dynamic image was the election of Stuart Young, one of the leaders of the Joint Inland Appeal, to the Board's appeal treasurer, which will hopefully enable the representative forum of British Jewry to have sufficient funds at its disposal to finance its new ambitious plans.

The Board recently was addressed by Premier James Callaghan, who interrupted his week-end rest for the occasion. He held up the Jewish community as an example of integration of an immigrant community into British society, and asked the Board for ideas that the government could use in tackling the more recent immigrant problems. Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher has also been at the Board (she has been Jewish voters in her final years of constituency) and Liberal leader Denis Healey.

The secretary-general spoke of the Board's hopes to attract more members, and the general opinion that the first conference of Anglo-Jewish youth organizations had recently decided to affiliate the Board. "We regarded it as a mark of confidence from the young generation," Pinner said.

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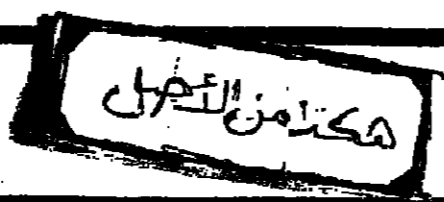
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Of bears and dragons

Political Scientist NORMAN KASS examines the current turmoil in Southeast Asia and sees in it a strong temptation for a generally prudent Soviet Union to "settle accounts" with its big neighbour to the east.

JANUARY 27 of this year... One hypothesis seemingly validated by the strife in Southeast Asia is that amercing historical antagonism and national ferment are unlikely to succumb to the lofty and elusive aim of ideological unity.

Vietnam's strivings to blunt the southward push of Chinese dynasties bent on subjugation stretch over some four millennia. The leitmotif of successful resistance to the warlords of the Middle Kingdom abounds in Vietnamese folklore and literature and has served as a rallying point during later conflicts with outside powers, most notably, the Japanese during World War II, the French until their ignominious defeat at Dien Bien Phu, and, more recently, the Americans prior to the collapse of Saigon in April 1975.

With the outbreak of the First Indochina War in 1946 and the emergence of Peking as a socialist state three years later, the historical ill-will between China and Vietnam gave way to a period of accommodation based largely on pragmatic considerations.

Southern China served Ho and his followers as a badly needed sanctuary and staging area for military operations against the French Expeditionary Corps.

The military and economic aid funneled into the hands of the Viet Minh provided the Vietnamese insurgency with the time and resources to consolidate its power, improve its military capabilities and, ultimately, route a numerically superior fighting force.

For the Chinese, the Vietnamese guerrilla movement offered an outlet for Mao's doctrine of people's war as well as the prospect for bolstering Peking's influence in Indochina.

Chou En-lai's participation in the Geneva Accords, over America's

objections, was hailed by Moscow and Peking alike as an important first step in recognizing China as a major factor in the international political arena.

THE SUBMERSION of traditional Chinese-Vietnamese animosity continued to typify the relationship between the two states during the Second Indochina War of the 1960's and early 70's.

So prominent a figure as Truong Chinh, the leading theoretician in the Vietnamese Communist Party and a veteran of Mao's Long March, was said to favour the Chinese position on such issues as the nature of insurgencies and the rejection of a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

Official Vietnamese declarations regularly made a point of extolling both the Chinese and the Russians for their "fraternal assistance."

Moscow's caustic polemics about the Chinese quest for hegemony in Southeast Asia and its oft-repeated complaints over Peking's delays in routing Soviet material bound for Vietnam on Chinese rail lines, were either completely ignored or bluntly repudiated by Hanoi.

The facade of unity necessitated

by common action against a mutual adversary also surfaced in the relationship between Vietnam and Cambodia.

Under Hanoi's astute direction, the Khmer insurgency was linked with the Pathet Lao and South Vietnam's National Liberation Front to form a far-flung "people's united front" intent on redrawing the political map of Indochina. The effusive outpourings from Hanoi gave no clue as to the deep-seated bitterness which Cambodians have historically harboured toward their domineering neighbour to the northeast.

Little ink was spilled in noting that large tracts of present-day Vietnam, including Ho Chi Minh City, were annexed from Cambodia as the Vietnamese made their way down the coast to the area of the Mekong Delta. Yet the aura of detente carefully cultivated by Hanoi was not altogether impenetrable.

IN THIS regard, the slaughtering of large numbers of Vietnamese residing in Cambodia at the time of Norodom Sihanouk's ouster in 1970, attests to the undercurrent of enmity which eight years later would erupt into an all-out military clash.

In terms of the protagonists directly involved in the military conflict currently raging in Indochina, one is inclined to view the situation there as a regional feud, a settling of longstanding differences.

Through its exploits and resolve in a protracted struggle, Hanoi achieved its goal of an undivided state, free of outside rule and intervention.

The tasks now confronting Vietnam are those of consolidating its political base, particularly to the south of the 17th Parallel, and establishing for itself a position in regional politics consistent with its self-image as the dominant force in Indochina.

In charting its course, Hanoi's leadership has largely abandoned its earlier pronouncements of gradual socio-economic change in favour of more precipitous, disruptive and radical measures. The crackdown on entrepreneurs, who happen to be largely of Chinese descent, in the Saigon area and elsewhere and the accelerated pace of imposing a socialist economic structure of state co-operatives on what was once South Vietnam are two illustrations of the current policy line.

Wherever those measures have

resulted in domestic instability and tension with neighbouring states, Vietnam has shown no interest in relaxing its course. Unstable governments such as Pol Pot's in Kampuchea (Cambodia), daring to challenge Hanoi's bid for regional predominance, have found themselves facing an implacable opponent ready to risk Peking's ire and retaliation as the price for bringing a more acquiescent regime into power.

THE PROSPECTS for having the present crisis escalate beyond the borders of Indochina loom ominously when one considers the role which the Soviet Union will choose for itself in the conflict. Disturbed by Peking's overtures toward the U.S., its recently concluded pact with the Japanese and its unbridled hostility toward Vietnam, the Kremlin may well conclude that the time has come to place a damper on Peking's assertiveness. With the signing of a 25-year Soviet-Vietnamese friendship treaty in Moscow last November, the mechanism for greater involvement by the USSR in Southeast Asia is clearly in place. One provision of the accord provides for immediate consultation and the implementation of "appropriate measures" in the event that either party is under attack or faces a threat of attack.

The language of the treaty is vague enough to leave China guessing as to the probable course of action that the Soviet might take. Certainly, the agreement does little to dispel the disquiet caused by the present deployment of Soviet ships at various points off the Vietnamese shore.

Let one perceive the treaty as the inevitable prelude to direct Soviet military involvement in Southeast

Asia, a few words of caution are in order. The fact that Moscow waited some 33 years from the creation of the Vietnamese Communist regime to sign its first treaty of friendship and cooperation with Hanoi suggests that the Soviet Union has been most reluctant to be drawn into a protracted war in an area far distant from its borders.

What is more, any enthusiasm by Moscow for escalating the current hostilities would have to be assayed in terms of the negative impact which such a course would undoubtedly have on Hanoi's enfeebled industrial infrastructure, long a source of concern to the Kremlin and a drain on its coffers.

Finally, in light of the recent turmoil in Iran, Soviet involvement in Indochina could be undertaken only if Moscow were willing to divide its attention between an area directly at its doorstep and one thousands of kilometers away — not a very likely prospect.

While these factors, coupled with the Soviet proclivity to spare itself the perils of direct involvement in open warfare, militate against Moscow's entry into the conflict, a second, military course of action cannot be summarily discounted. For the USSR may well conclude that the chaos in Southeast Asia furnishes it a golden opportunity to settle accounts with China while showing itself a reliable patron of the Vietnamese. With America's prestige badly bruised by the Iranian fiasco, Moscow's fidelity to its embattled ally may yield healthy dividends to the Soviet Union in the Third World.

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FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

SHMUEL KATZ maintains that Billy Carter's friendship with Libyans is only one small example of numerous "friendships" that spell danger to Israel.

SPONTANEOUS response by member Abraham Melamed to Billy Carter's defiant invitation to an American Jewish community conference, to observe the very same occasion as which Billy Carter's tour is only a vulgar, even vulgar expression.

Carters symbolizes the climatic into which Israel is manoeuvred, whether by circumstances or by the ineptitude built into government policy. There are more Billy Carters in the U.S. They are simply prominent as a President's representative.

They are probably also not scrupulous, and their manners are more refined.

Carters is not the only one who is promoting "comradely relations" with Libya. A recent "New York Times" columnist William Safire recently revealed the member of the Senate who is one of the pillars of inter-religious in general and of terror in particular, does not shy away from them and if he is to them to wonder about the Jews of the Jewish community at Israel, they do not think identical with the sentiment set by Billy Carter (though might not use anatomical language). We have certainly not anybody withdrawing out of business from the prospect of friendship with Libya.

Moreover, it is understandable the pro-Libyan commercial is "infinitesimal" compared to the "American" one, and the cause of another Arab terror — Saudi Arabia. Arabs of Americans are serving Arabia in various commercial capacities in the U.S. many are engaged in asking the American people to help the world in general with Saudi Arabia as an "enemy" state.

A special sophisticated task is being done in the American mind of America's absolute dependence on her goodwill. In what way is Saudi Arabia, rulers present their guests of the Protocols of the Zion, less offensive to the people than Libya? We can see the exact activities of the PLO, but the known role of \$3m. by Saudi Arabia to for killing Israeli civilians is significant — though given its flamboyance — than the aid and the PLO by Libya.

relationship with Libya. It is also far more threatening to the State of Israel. The Libyan connection is entirely private and (as is evident) it is even recognized as somewhat tainted. The personal relationships with Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, are an outcrop of an official policy of the American government, of a public and highly publicized friendship, accompanied by frequent endearing pronouncements and demonstrative gestures of fealty.

Nor is the subsidy of terror more than a means to an even more lethal end, Saudi Arabia, both by virtue of its influence on the right of the Arab Nation to all the territory between the Atlantic Ocean and the Persian Gulf, and between the borders of Saudi Arabia and the southern border of Sudan; and by virtue of the Moslem creed which demands "overriding" wherever it sets foot, is committed, exactly like the Libyans, to the elimination of the State of Israel from the map of the "Arab world."

The Saudis' participation in the recent Baghdad Conference was no more than a renewed, frank expression of that purpose.

This is no secret to the policy-makers in Washington. Yet it casts no shadow on their friendship with Saudi Arabia, not even to the extent of a remonstrance. On the contrary, Washington exerts all its influence to spread the myth of Saudi Arabia the "moderate" state. While not, of course, proclaiming support for the idea of eliminating the Jewish state, Washington has accorded, and continues to accord, its full support to what the Arabs regard as the essential first step towards that consummation.

IT MAY THEN be asked whether any of the Arab States have clean hands in their relationship with the PLO. Indeed they have not; and only a politically feeble Israeli establishment and the apparently incurable Jewish bent for self-delusion have made it possible to ignore the simple central fact of the full existential relationship between the PLO and the Arab States.

Not only are they all pledged to support (and to come to the aid of) the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," but the PLO is in fact their creation, it is their sword, it is the hatchet man of the Arab states for their common purpose. When Libya gives financial aid and weapons to the PLO, and diplomatic cover to its individual murderers, when Egypt gives them shelter, when Algeria and Syria provide facilities for its training, when Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and the other rich states provide them with astronomical finance, they are all fulfilling an obligation solemnly formalized in the Rabat resolutions of 1974.

AS CAMP DAVID II gets under way, one wonders how many of the delegates there (Israeli, Egyptian or American) will recall that it is just 30 years since the armistice agreement between Israel and Egypt was signed at Rhodes on February 24, 1949?

It is a fair guess that none of them will think back as far as that, if only because Egypt then was King Farouk's, David Ben-Gurion was prime minister of Israel, and Harry Truman had not long before been elected president of the U.S.

During those six weeks both delegations stayed put. They did not commute between Rhodes and Israel or Rhodes and Egypt. It was understood that delegates who kept running home would swiftly lose any independent authority. A delegation, even if it is not plenipotentiary, has to appear to be so if it is to carry the weight it needs to put its case with credibility. It will naturally consult the president, prime minister or foreign minister (who, for their part, also stay put), but for this it has means of communication.

In fact, at Rhodes, the Israeli delegation had at its disposal no more than an army radio receiver and transmitter. But this was quite enough. There may have been a telephone, but no one ever used it. Today there are far more rapid and sophisticated means of communicating, and there should be nothing that demands the recall of a delegate for "consultations" or instructions.

It was not surprising that President Carter two months ago said that Blar House had been the most frustrating experience of his life, "negotiating at long distance and through negotiators here who have limited and sometimes no authority, with an appeal going to the prime minister, then to the cabinet, or going to the cabinet, then to the president."

This practice is even more destructive of authority and confidence when the principal negotiators are themselves of cabinet rank. A government has to make up its mind on its general policy and demands, and then by telex, radio or scrambler guide its representatives as the need arises.

ANOTHER LESSON learned from Rhodes could have been the wisdom, indeed the necessity, of abstaining from excessive publicity. It is doubtful whether we could have succeeded at Rhodes if every move had been accompanied by press interviews

Remembering Rhodes

WALTER EYTAN maintains that some of the lessons in negotiating learned at the Rhodes talks of 30 years ago should be applied to the current peace efforts.

and public policy statements by government leaders. Neither the Israeli nor the Egyptian delegation had a press officer or "spokesman" — and both managed very well without them.

This lesson was forgotten at Meza House, at Ismailiya and other staging posts of the peace negotiations — but it was re-learned at Camp David I. Only to be immediately unlearned at Blair House. Israel's Foreign Minister has taken his press officer with him, and his Egyptian colleague will doubtless have done the same. One wonders what they will do at Camp David II?

At Rhodes none of the delegates was interested in personal publicity or "electoral" calculations. When Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett welcomed the Israeli delegation home at what is now Sde Dov airport in Tel Aviv, there was not a single photographer at hand to immortalize the scene — and he would, in fact, have been superfluous. The "Egyptian-Israeli General Armistice Agreement" (to give it its full official name) had been signed the previous day, and that was all that mattered.

AT RHODES each delegation had a legal adviser. But these were legal advisers, not principal negotiators. The problems that have to be resolved are in their essence political (as they were in the armistice negotiations, despite their overriding military aspects). Legal

turns of phrase come in handy only when there is overall political agreement. No amount of legal gloss will help if the two sides cannot get together on a political understanding. There is no way of enforcing a peace treaty except by the political will of both parties.

It is true that the armistice negotiations in 1949 did not begin until after the Egyptian army had been thrown back beyond the Sinai border (apart from the Faluja "pocket") and had to all intents and purposes been defeated. But King Farouk and his government knew perfectly well that Britain and above all the U.S. would never stand for an Israeli invasion of Sinai, even if Israel had at the time had the strength to launch it (which it didn't). It was a political decision on Egypt's part that made the negotiations possible, Israel's own political decision having been taken months before.

The Egyptian delegates arrived in Rhodes very much disliking all Israelis and they made no secret of this. In fact, at the start they were downright rude, and there was no "intermission" until the very end. But personal feelings do not count, as indeed they should not, and the agreement was nevertheless signed in the end. These days people seem to be ready to love one another from the word go, and there is a great deal of back-slapping and even hugging. But fine though this may be for creating an "atmosphere," and

specially for the photographers and TV cameramen, it gets us nowhere nearer agreement.

At Rhodes neither side had given away anything in advance — no concessions had been made by anyone before negotiations actually started. This meant that any concession made by either side during negotiations had its natural reward — a corresponding concession by the other.

IT IS POSSIBLE that we did not ourselves fully appreciate the importance of this, because a few months later, at Lausanne, Israel — under American pressure — made a number of (admittedly minor) concessions unilaterally at the very outset; and it was not long before the whole proceedings became a farce. Today's negotiators are no longer in this happy position of starting out with a secret readiness to make, if need be, significant concessions which the other party knows nothing about.

The Hebrew University's Leonard Davies Institute of International Affairs has just held a full-day symposium on "negotiation management" — and high time, too. We would not have devised so sophisticated a term for it back in those early days, but the Institute is quite right. Negotiations have not only to be conducted — they have to be managed, even stage-managed, carefully directed, researched and planned if they are to succeed.

One of the points made by the symposium's opening speaker was that no such subject exists in the curriculum of any university in this country. Even if Camp David II succeeds, teaching and learning it will do no harm: there is plenty of negotiating still to be done.

The author was director-general of the Foreign Ministry at the time of the Rhodes talks.

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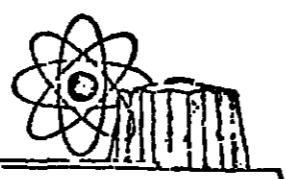
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Meeting of minds... from left: Amnon Altman, of the Commerce and Industry Ministry; Richard Irving, executive producer; George Eckstein, producer; Col. Ruhama Hermon, of the IDF spokesman's office; Boris Sagal, director; Yoram Golan, of the Commerce and Industry Ministry. (Arieh Bachar)

Masada shall rise again

By JOAN BORSTEN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

IF JUST WANDERING around Masada inspires you to say "Never Again," get a good grip on your emotions. Universal Studios this week announced plans to turn the dramatic saga of the mountain's history into a four-part mini-series for television.

The story of the Zealots' last stand against the Roman army, and the suicide of 960 Jewish men, women, and children who preferred death to slavery, is spectacular. So is Universal's commitment to the project. The docu-drama, to be co-produced with ABC-TV, is being billed as the studio's most ambitious television effort to date.

Before Eliezer Ben-Yair, leader of the Jewish resistance, becomes a popular folk hero in America however, Universal will have invested \$15m. in the show (\$1m. in costumes and props alone) — making "Masada" the most expensive eight-hour TV series yet mounted.

A top team has been assembled — "one of the strongest ever gathered for a television project," believes Universal vice-president Richard Irving, the project's executive producer. Producer George Eckstein previously did "79 Park Avenue," "Tallgunner Joe," and "Amelia Earhardt." Director Boris Sagal has to his credit "Awakening Land" and "Rich Man, Poor Man." Seventy-year-old Nino Novarese, the epic's historical adviser, has a long list of credits which include "Spartacus," "Cleopatra," and "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Young scriptwriter Joel Olsansky, who adapted "Masada" from Ernest Gann's novel "The Antagonists," has an Emmy (the Academy Award of television) for "A Law." Unit manager Ronny Yakov is considered the local film industry's top organizer after his success with such foreign productions as "The Fury" and "The Big Red One."

A FULL YEAR is being devoted to production of the series, a luxury generally unknown to television. Three-and-a-half months have been budgeted for filming in Israel alone — a boon for local actors, extras, and technicians who are expected to be employed in unprecedented numbers. Because the actual Masada is a

busy tourist site, a replica of the solitary rock fortress will be constructed on a mountain one kilometre north of the famous mountain, and a special access road built.

"It is going to be a very complex undertaking," admitted Irving after completing a 10-day pre-production survey with Israel Film Centre staff. "We will need the cooperation of the Parks Authority, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the army. The IDF will be asked to supply helicopters, security, and even soldiers. You see, we plan to film the swearing-in ceremony of a group of new Armoured Corps recruits. Their tradition is to climb to the summit and pledge: 'Masada will never fall again.' That will be our opening scene. Afterwards we flash back to 70 C.E."

Universal Studios is well aware of the hazards of filming in the volatile Middle East. "Masada" was originally slated to be shot as a two-hour feature movie in October 1978. It was shelved when the Yom Kippur War broke out and then, though the studio had invested considerable sums in research and scripting, was "put on ice indefinitely." "Actually, the war was not the only reason 'Masada' wasn't produced as a movie," explains Irving. "The script was problematic. Joel did a brilliant 886-page treatment. A third of what he wrote was a version of Gann's novel, the rest was new — based on Josephus and consultations with Yigal Yadin. But a two-hour film should have about a 450-page script. No matter what we did, we couldn't tell the story well in such a short time. Fortunately the mini-series concept took hold, which meant we could use the script as written."

IN THE NEXT few months Irving, with the help of Eckstein and Sagal, will begin casting the series, which may also be made simultaneously as a feature picture for release in Europe. All three men are predicting that the leads — Eliezer Ben-Yair, Flavius Silva (the Roman general who lays siege to Masada), and Sheva (Silva's Jewish mistress) will be played by top stars. Although supporting actors will be flown in from the U.S., Israelis can expect to assume many of the 197 speaking roles.

THE NEWS is so uniformly grim that it is hard to decide which item is the most devastating. From the Israeli point of view, the most revolting sight was probably Yasser Arafat's leer of triumph as he was feted by the fanatical supporters of Khomenei at the PLO building, formerly the Israeli legation, in Teheran. Not only are we to be denied the Iranian oil that is our due under numerous contracts, we also face the possibility of all that superb American equipment being placed at Arafat's disposal.

Almost as misery-making were the shots of the Chinese invasion of Vietnam. It is true that it is rather pleasing to see the North Vietnamese get it where the chicken got the chopper — but nobody can relish the prospects of the Chinese on the march.

Local news was just as bad. A Member of Knesset going to jail; civil guards beating up Arabs in Tel Aviv; the Beersheba municipality "diverting" funds from an institution for retarded children; strikes, inflation, miseries and calamities. It is true that news of the essence is seldom jolly. But seldom have we been thrown so deep into the depths as we were this week. Are we living through the death-throes of Western civilization?

One would have thought that television should have tried to do something to alleviate the gloom, but somehow film after film has been devoted to tragic themes, trying with the news in the drive to depress us. If ever there was a time for comedies, this was it. And I wish that the news teams would adopt the kindly Jewish habit of rounding off their toll of tragedy with an overseas sports item, just as to alleviate our misery slightly.

Instead, the television workers choose precisely this last fortnight to strike, selecting as their victims such programmes as Archie Bunker and the Muppets, who might have cheered the population. Hitting the Muppets was altogether unforgivable, a savage below-the-belt attack on innocent little children, who surely are not to blame for whatever wrongs the television workers may have suffered at the hands of their employers. Numerous readers have contacted me to complain, rightly, that the children are

IT ALMOST happened in 478 C.E. Romulus Augustulus, the last Roman emperor, sat on his throne, huddled up in blankets, listening to the bad news. A cold wind blew outside, whistling ominously through the palace garden.

"Please, your imperial highness," said Senator Tullius, "the Vandals and the Goths are closing in on us. The Huns have taken Fabia and are advancing on the Holy City. The Roman Empire is in mortal danger. What shall we do, oh Caesar?"

The old emperor shivered in the draught from the open window. "Close it," he said.

"As you wish," said Tullius, and closed down the Roman Empire.

"Hey," shouted the courtiers running after him, "he meant the window!" But it was too late. The Huns were already rushing off congratulatory cables, the Vandals were jubilant.

That's how the Roman Empire fell. Owing to a bit of verbal confusion. Or could there have been another reason as well?

SO WHAT IS this story meant to illustrate? Nothing. No verbal blunder, no slip of the tongue, ever changed the course of history. It's the other way round: history affects people's tongues and minds, *vide* Papa Freud. Moshe Dayan didn't just trip over his words either. Our only politician who never reads his speeches from a prepared text, who never rants or rambles, just happened to fall victim to his own virtues this time.

He wished to soften our pre-Camp-Khameini stand, to point out that we

HAVE A HEART

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

the most helpless and underprivileged section of the population, and that the blow of the strikers against the young has completely alienated whatever sympathy they might otherwise have found.

AGAINST this background it was with great reluctance that I tried to take an interest in the two hours of film and discussion devoted to "The Protocols of Zion" and a discussion of anti-Semitism. There was a time when Jews in the Diaspora were passionately addicted to debates about whether anti-Semitism is a Jewish problem or a Christian problem — for all I know, this interest may still exist. But for us who have settled in Israel, the history of the Protocols and of the Nazi lies is of rather academic interest. It is certainly worth dealing with, but surely it does not merit two hours of prime viewing time? Especially when we are longing for light relief.

There was one of these tragic films that I did find to be of absorbing interest, although I can understand why many people found it long drawn out, repetitive and dull. This was "The Guest." Athol Fugard's film about an episode in the life of Eugene Marais, the great Afrikaaner poet, writer, advocate and novelist. I suspect that a viewer needed to have specialist knowledge of South Africa to follow what Fugard was trying to say. There were many ellipses that must have left people, who did not appreciate the background, puzzled and bored.

The film was made on several levels. The superficial one was the treatment of an addict's efforts to break his addiction to opium and morphine.

But on a more profound level was the interpretation of the haunting beauty and profound fascination of the high veld, coupled with a very sympathetic view of the poor Afrikaaners who wrest a living from an inhospitable terrain.



Jack Palance who stars as "Bronk"

There is a unique quality to the Transvaal, expressed in the yearning song, "Sarie Marais," a quality which Fugard managed to capture on film. He also gave a new interpretation to the characters of the poor Afrikaaner farmers; the stereotype of our day is of a narrow-minded tyrant, *ajambok* and *Bible* in his hands, terrorizing the blacks. Fugard showed us people displaying great lovingkindness, courtesy, hospitality, piety and compassion, despite the grinding poverty of their homes.

The third and most complex level of the film tried to interpret the poet-scientist-philosopher's relationship with the wild creatures of the veld, ranging from the baboons to the white ants. Marais was convinced that these apparently "inferior" animals and insects had highly organized minds; like *Smuts*, he took a holistic view of evolution. No

writer, in English or Afrikaans, has managed to equal his perceptiveness of what nature means to South Africans.

Whether non-South Africans, without a specialised knowledge of the background of the film, could pick up all this, I doubt. For those who could, it was inspiring.

"FAMILY Situation" continues to enrage me. These stereotypes of the Israeli family get more and more intolerable, with everybody whining at everyone else, all of them displaying incredible egotism and stupidity, nobody ever showing any genuine tenderness or affection or understanding.

In a rather feeble "Lou Grant" this week, Lou put the blame for parents' woes on Dr. Spock. If we are to believe "Family Situation," no family in Israel has ever read Spock,

or, for that matter, anything written since Mr. Barrett lorded it over his children in Wimpole Street.

The producers may argue that the whole point of the series is to teach families how not to behave. This approach is as subtle as getting a mule to go north by heading it south, on the assumption that the contrary animal will always do the opposite of what it is told to do. This is a rather dangerous educational approach, since many a mule will follow its nose in the direction in which it is pointed. As everybody in "Family Situation" acts very well, there is a great danger of viewers identifying with them. In which case, God save Israel.

I HAVE complained so much about the programming that I must admit a few pats on the back. "Trinity Tales" continues to be so good that I am never tempted to switch over to Jordan's "Lily Langtry" till the end. Then I catch a few tantalising glimpses of the red sports teams as they do a great job with these matches. The pre-game interviews, like the one with miracle-worker Ralph Klein, are very interesting; so are the intelligent commentaries on tactics. The coverage, like the play of Maccah Tel Aviv, is becoming sharp and polished.

Another exceptionally good choice was last Saturday night's thriller, "Bronk," far superior to the average thriller. So far, I must confess, I have found the new series of "Staryk and Hutz" very tedious; the script-writers seem to have run out of steam and the plots are morose and flimsy.

WEEK AFTER week our Thursday nights are set aside for the basketball saga of Maccabi Tel Aviv. The sports teams are doing a great job with these matches. The pre-game interviews, like the one with miracle-worker Ralph Klein, are very interesting; so are the intelligent commentaries on tactics. The coverage, like the play of Maccabi Tel Aviv, is becoming sharp and polished.

Pardon, your slip is showing

By EPHRAIM KISHON

can't deny the PLO has "influence," and what came out in impromptu English was that the PLO has "value." A question of diploemantics. He also meant to say, and with the same political end in view:

"The Palestinians aren't just a terrorist organisation, but civilians and refugees too."

What came out was:

"The PLO isn't just an organization of terrorists, but of civilians and Palestinian refugees too."

Things like that happen when a man is tired and foreign minister. Didn't you, dear reader, ever miss a mystery lecture or triss a main?

With, of course, the small difference that Saudi TV didn't jump for joy on the occasion. It follows that your tongue, dear reader, may slip as it is, but a public servant should look out for banana peels.

They don't always, though. We still fondly remember good President Ford proposing a toast to Anwar

Sadat with the words "The President of Israel..." He corrected himself at once with a "Sorry, Egypt," and saved the day.

If he'd tarried just a bit longer the Arabs present would all no doubt have got to their feet and sung the "Hatikva."

MR. DAYAN'S slip isn't a fatal lapse either, but rather an error in public relations. This writer admires our lone political wolf for his original ideas, which are invariably couched in plain language. People actually remember what he says, and even tend to quote him verbatim years later.

Mr. Dayan is very often nearer the truth than his colleagues, though it's a moot point whether the sober truth is really so important in his profession. When all is said, you don't need a sophisticated foreign minister to give a picture of the situation — a

cheap Polaroid will do as well.

An old soldier like Dayan should know by now that today's wars are waged on the public opinion front, and the media bear the message. Truth? Nobody seeks it any more; they make it — with the help of hired pros and electronic computers, by means of endlessly repeated, jingling slogans. And so wiping out Israel has been politely rephrased to read "establishing a secular democratic state," and instead of the old blood libel of matza baked with Christian babies' blood, it's considered more effective nowadays to talk of Israeli torture cellars on the West Bank.

MR. BEGIN hardly ever involves himself in this battle of the p.r. titans. Still, whether intentionally or not, he is striking a great blow for the cause when he keeps referring to our foes as "that organization of assassins called the PLO."

He says it in Jerusalem and

hammers it in at Oslo and Bucharest. Good for him. A campaign like that will sooner or later bear fruit. If no one puts a spoke in the wheel, then in two years' time, when President Carter receives the ambassador of the Palestinian government-in-exile, Mr. Carter will greet him with the words:

"I am proud and happy to welcome a representative of the organization of assassins called the PLO... oops, sorry..."

But Mr. Dayan has put a spoke in the wheel, and that is his error. Instead of recognizing the PLO and not negotiating with it, as a besieged Dayan put it, we believe it's better to call them assassins and talk to them. It's more real, and it's more politik.

We shouldn't give up a good hand in the public relations game so easily.

As for who is right — Mr. Dayan in describing a current situation, or his critics in denying it — well, like a certain Jewish American foreign secretary once said in Geneva: "There's no greater tragedy in history than a situation in which everyone is right." Actually there's worse: a situation in which no one is. Ah well, it comes to the same.

Translated by Miriam Arad.

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POOR MAN'S FRUIT

TORA AND FLORA / Louis L. Rabinowitz

THE CAROB tree flourished in the Land of Israel in talmudic times and is mentioned in the Talmud in a variety of contexts. It grew wild and so its fruit was known as "the poor man's fruit." The Talmud says of the saintly Rabbi Hanina b. Dosa that "every day a voice proclaims from Mount Horeb (Sinai), 'The whole world is sustained by the merit of My son Hanina. Yet Hanina himself subsists on a kab of carobs from one Sabbath eve to the next' (Ber. 17b). There is no mention, however, of the carob in the Bible.

Abraham Ibn Ezra, the famous medieval commentator on the Bible would disagree with my last statement. He says that the *geru* mentioned in the special portion read tomorrow, *Parashat Shekalim*, is the seed of the carob. In this portion heralding the approach of Passah, the Children of Israel are commanded to give a shekel each for the building of the sanctuary in the wilderness. Each shekel, we are told, weighed 20 gerahs. The verse reads:

"This they give... half a shekel — there are 20 gerahs in the shekel — half a shekel as a heave offering to the Lord."

According to Ibn Ezra, the carob is thus mentioned indirectly in that its seed was a measure of weight like the carat. Some say the two words are semantically connected.

IBN EZRA, however, is not distinguished by the accuracy of his botanical knowledge. Prof. J. Feliks, the outstanding authority on the flora of the Bible and Talmud informs me that the identification cannot be accepted. There are various estimates of the weight of the shekel, but whichever is accepted would be double that of the gerah.

To justify Ibn Ezra's interpretation and thus to include the carob in the flora of the Bible, I would like to suggest a daring, and almost heretical interpretation of the verse quoted above. It should read, "there are 20 gerahs to the shekel, (correction) to half a shekel, as a heave offering to the Lord."

I take advantage of the "free for all" of the carob and provide myself with a year's supply of its fruit. To me it is a delectable fruit and it still can serve as the "poor man's fruit" available for gatherers in the main streets of Jerusalem although there it is of poor quality.

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Stocks still slide on tiny trading turnovers

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five to 464, and Sahar bearer lost eight to 482. While small offers forced down insurance companies, several small demands had the opposite effect on some industrials.

pared to only IL66.6m. net profit the previous year. That jump in profits is far ahead of the inflationary spiral.

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Both 5 per cent development bonds (double option), serial number 2029, and 7 per cent 80 per cent linked development bonds, serial number 3543, will be traded starting February 28.

Trading continued to be slow on the stock market yesterday, as due to the sleep-inducing effect of the unusually hot weather the past few days.

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Rising prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Feb. 22, 1979

Table with columns: Closing Price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like Dev. & Mtg. 18% deb. 87, Housing Mtg. r, etc.

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Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Price, Change. Lists various bond prices like 4% Gov't development, Group 1 Yield: -1.76, etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing prices - Feb. 22, Dow Jones Industrial Average: 823.56 - 5.97, Volume: 28,470,000. Lists various stock prices like Allied Chemical, ASA, etc.

Bank of Israel representative

ign exchange Feb. 22. The bank announced that its net profits had increased by 157 per cent in 1978 to stand at IL16.5m.

Israel General Bank reports profits boost

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Israel General Bank yesterday announced that its net profits had increased by 157 per cent in 1978 to stand at IL16.5m.

Minister Patt, British Ambassador Mason, disagree

Does the Arab boycott hurt UK-Israel trade? Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — British Ambassador John Mason yesterday told the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce that he "could not seriously subscribe to the proposition that England's exports to Israel had been diminished by the Arab boycott."



British Ambassador John Mason

Most active shares

Table with columns: Share, Price, Change. Lists active shares like Leumi, Mizrahi, Hapoalim b, etc.

Gafny discusses the economy

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Any wholesale "laundering of black capital" should be preceded by setting up an organization which can really crack down on income tax evasion.

Table with columns: Selling, Buying. Lists foreign exchange rates for various currencies like Kr., J., etc.

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A wrong direction

EGYPTIAN President Anwar Sadat's offer to U.S. Secretary of Defence Harold Brown to serve as America's gun-for-hire in the Middle East and Africa if Washington agrees to rearm his armed forces...

It would be strange, however, if Washington bought the Sadat thesis so soon after the demise of another such American outpost which was not even able to "draw" from the overpowering arsenal which the Pentagon had supplied.

There is, of course, an understandable Israeli interest in opposing any policy that would enhance the size and sophistication of Egypt's army, even in the event of an Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement.

Sadat, for example, has asked for 300 F-16 fighters, four times the number Israel will be receiving. It is unthinkable that the U.S. would permit the creation of such an imbalance...

But besides such distinctly Israeli arguments there is a basic fallacy in the concept that America's oil and strategic interests in the Middle East can be defended primarily from within the area...

The major threat to the continued flow of oil from Arab to the West stems from the wobbly state of most of the regimes involved. The internal threats to those regimes will not be repulsed by big armies, but by a judicious bolstering of those regimes from within.

It is reasonable to conceive of Egypt as a regional emergency fireman available for mobilization to douse flare-ups in such places as Oman, where it is now replacing Iranian troops, and Sudan. For such a purpose, Egypt needs a refurbished army.

Proposals for arming Egypt far beyond its immediate needs of self-defence against a possible military adventure from Libya, a revolution or putsch in Sudan, or for a minor regional policing role, immediately raise the question of the stability of Sadat's own regime.

It is easily forgotten, but a short year ago, any analyst would have rated the shah's regime and his prospects for survival as much higher than those of Sadat. There is no reason to assume that the public relations hoopla of the past year and a quarter should have changed the implications of such an assessment.

Like most of the other Arab states in the area, Egypt's major problems are internal, the self-same problems that could also topple Sadat if they are not dealt with effectively.

The U.S. is today confronted with a nightmare concerning the fate of the huge arsenal it sold to the shah with such abandon. That arsenal of American arms may yet prove to be a destabilizing factor in the volatile Middle East.

Sadat understandably requires American participation in rebuilding his army which has been deprived of Soviet supplies for some time. It has been understood that the Carter Administration would make such rearming contingent on ending the war between Egypt and Israel.

But Sadat and Egypt are in much greater need of massive economic and technological aid to start tackling Egypt's real problems and shoring up one of the few Arab regimes that has turned away from the Soviet Union.

Certainly in the light of the still burning example of Iran, this is plainly where Egypt's and Sadat's true interests lie.

NOW THAT turmoil in Iran has slowed the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf, energy experts are looking more avidly at the Gulf of Mexico — whose petroleum potential may well rival that of Saudi Arabia.

Mexico's state oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), sets proven reserves at 26 billion barrels, and says potential stores of oil and gas amount to 130 billion barrels. Only Saudi Arabia has more — 165 billion.

Mexico currently exports 500,000 barrels of crude oil a day, most of it to the U.S. Israel buys 30,000 barrels a day from Mexico, which used to be Israel's second largest supplier, after Iran.

If Mexico is quick to exploit its energy resources, oilmen believe it could become the world's second largest oil power within a few years. But after a bout of oil fever that sent exports soaring fivefold in the past year, the Mexican government has decided to let things cool.

Oil exports will reach 1.1 million barrels a day by 1980, and President Jose Lopez Portillo announced recently that they will be held at that level through 1982.

THE OIL-HUNGRY U.S. facing another energy crisis, would like to see Mexico develop its oil potential as soon as possible and President

Waking oil giant — Mexico

CAROL COOK examines the economic and political implications of the 'black gold' in the Gulf of Mexico.

Jimmy Carter went to Mexico in mid-February for talks focused on energy.

All he got was hostility: Street signs proclaiming, "Carter is coming to exchange peanuts for petroleum," and demands from Lopez Portillo for the U.S. to show more respect for Mexico. Finally, Carter pledged to avoid interfering in Mexico's decisions on the use of its energy resources.

Mexico's animosity — and its decision to hold the line on exports — are partly the result of the Carter Administration's refusal to purchase Mexican gas at the price Mexico wants.

Vast amounts of natural gas are produced in the process of pumping Mexico's oil. For lack of a market for the gas, much of it has to be burned at the wells.

In mid-1977, Pemex struck a deal with U.S. gas companies and announced a pipeline to carry two billion cubic feet of gas a day directly to the Texas border.

THE PIPELINE project caused a furor in nationalist and leftist circles, whose spokesmen charged that the deal was a giveaway and would make Mexico even more dependent on the U.S. Signs demanding "Mexican Oil for the Mexican People" began to appear across the country and the pipeline was dubbed "Mexico's Panama Canal."

In the end, the Carter Administration vetoed the price of \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet. The Mexicans refused to bargain and said they would find ways to use the gas domestically.

Now, the Mexicans are saying, the U.S. refusal to buy the gas is forcing them to limit oil production — since they do not want to produce much more gas than can be used at home.

There are other reasons, however — both economic and political. Looking at the experience of other oil-rich developing nations, Mexico wants to avoid earning more petrodollars than its economy can absorb.

Then, too, eyeing the local political

scene, Lopez Portillo must give some attention to critics on the left. He cannot appear to be selling out Mexico's oil wealth to the Yankees.

When Lopez Portillo took over the presidency from Luis Echeverria at the end of 1976, the economy was in disarray, inflation was running at 30 per cent, billions of dollars had fled the country in a business panic, and economic growth had slowed to barely 2 per cent.

The new president imposed an austerity programme outlined by the International Monetary Fund, cut foreign borrowing and government spending, and clamped down on wage hikes. To rescue the economy and attract foreign exchange, he proposed petroleum.

MEXICO was an oil power in the 1920s until foreign oil companies exhausted her fields. But in the early 1970s, Mexico struck new oil beneath its south-eastern jungles and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1974, Mexico stopped importing

crude oil and began exporting. Echeverria consistently downplayed the extent of the country's oil wealth. Lopez Portillo reversed that policy. He appointed an oil businessman, Jorge Diaz Sotelo, as head of Pemex and ordered extensive exploration, bigger and bigger estimates of Mexico's oil wealth began to flow. As vast new fields were discovered, Pemex announced a long-term investment programme to bring production up to 2.2 million barrels a day by 1982, then more to 3 million up to 1990.

When the public is afraid to speak out

Post Knesset Reporter ARYEH RUBINSTEIN talks to MK MORDECHAI WIRSHUBSKI about crime and police response to it.



Mordechai Wirshubski

"WHETHER Dr. Burg is personally to blame or not, the net result of his having been made responsible for the Israel Police has been complete failure."

So says Mordechai Wirshubski, Shai M.K., who is also a member of the Interior Committee's subcommittee on the police.

Following the announcement of the impending resignation of Sgan-Nitzav Ya'acov Nahmias, head of the special intelligence unit on organized crime, two Knesset members, Wirshubski and the Likud's Ehud Olmert, submitted motions for the agenda.

Both motions were scheduled to be heard last Monday, but before that Olmert leaked the news that he was going to name people involved in organized crime. When Wirshubski learned that Olmert was basing himself on an unchecked FBI document, he decided to dissociate his motion from Olmert's by postponing the airing of his motion until next week.

"I regret," he says, "that Olmert, who has contributed so much to bringing the problem of organized crime to the fore, pulled a boner this time, and I'm afraid he has caused harm to the whole struggle."

BUT BEFORE talking about organized crime, Wirshubski points out that the state of law and order in daily life is just as grave.

When only 5 per cent of the burglaries in the Tel Aviv area are solved, he says, when you never see a policeman on the street, when there is violence in cinemas and other public places and the public is afraid to open its mouth, then there's something seriously deficient in the sort of police protection we are getting.

Now to organized crime: The real significance of the Shimon Report, says Wirshubski, is that after it was published the minister of interior declared that the debate as to whether organized crime existed in Israel was over. It existed.

"The debate may be over," Wirshubski comments drily, "but the action has not yet begun."

He says that Nahmias' resignation is proof of this, and that five other officers are waiting in line to quit. They say the police have not effected any sort of true re-organization in an effort to grapple with the problem of organized crime.

"Nahmias has not said in so many words that that's his reason for quitting — his resignation only takes effect on February 28 and he is not yet at liberty to talk. He has confirmed to me, however, that there was no dispute about his rank or his duties, but that he has collected information on organized crime and that there has been no organization aimed at doing anything with the material gathered."

Furthermore, Wirshubski says, the subcommittee meets regularly with Burg, his officials and police representatives "and they haven't reported to us on any progress or any activity that's been undertaken in the fight against organized crime."

HOW DOES that square with Burg's lengthy reply to a parliamentary question two weeks ago in which he said that all of the Shimon recommendations except three have been implemented? "First of all, it's the duty of every minister to defend his ministry," replied Wirshubski.

And the truth be damned? "He won't come out and admit that he's failed. So he explains that these

and these paragraphs have been implemented. But what interests me is whether action has been taken in the field. Whether criminals have been caught. Whether the police have begun arresting people, interrogating them, and submitting files to the district attorney. If we are told that a committee was appointed here and a team set up there, how much does it mean? It may be important, but we want *tachlis*."

Neither as a citizen nor as a member of the subcommittee, Wirshubski says, does he feel that the police are performing their function, in either of the two areas he mentioned earlier. Providing proper police protection, he notes, is a question of organization and resources, while fighting organized crime is a problem of "conception."

"It may well be," he explains, "that the men at the top, who for years maintained that organized crime does not exist, are incapable of organizing properly to fight it. And this may well be the background to Nahmias' resignation. That the top brass has no grasp of what needs to be done."

WIRSHUBSKI says that both he and his party were in favour of abolishing the independent police ministry and incorporating it in either the interior or the justice ministry. But the experience of the past year and a half has not demonstrated that the change has led to improved police service.

On the contrary, he thinks, the police today are not functioning as well as they did before. "This does not mean that a separate police ministry should be re-established, Wirshubski hastens to add. But it does mean that a single person should bear parliamentary responsibility for the police."

"True, the minister of interior has that responsibility. But, first of all, he's 70 years old. Secondly, he's the head of a political party. Thirdly, he is minister of interior one of the most difficult and complicated ministries."

"The problems of the local authorities are enough to occupy a minister full time. And I think that as a result the police suffer. We should seriously consider the appointment of a deputy minister who would be responsible for the police and nothing else. Including the prison services, of course. But the amalgamation of the interior and police ministries has not yielded good fruit."

WIRSHUBSKI says he does not know yet whether that should be attributed to "the man, his age, and his other concerns — he is a cabinet member in addition to everything else — or whether a priori it is an impossible task."

As a matter of principle, Wirshubski is opposed to a separate police ministry; most enlightened democracies have no such thing. But he decidedly believes that the present state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue.

"I think that, with respect to the police, there is a basic lack of understanding in the ministry as to what needs to be done."

READERS' LETTERS

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

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MENACHEM BAR-ORHAION Petah Tikva.

ARMS FOR ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The euphoric accounts of the smashing success in obtaining the agreement of U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown to most of Israel's arms requests, as expressed by Israeli defence officials, are, I am afraid, premature. Even were Defence Secretary Brown to sincerely believe in Israel's needs, there is a very likely possibility that many of the agreed needs will be overruled by President Jimmy Carter.

Let us not forget that the sophisticated arms once promised by President Gerald Ford were cancelled by President Carter. Even more recent events, quite fresh in memory, concern the F-15 and F-16 aircraft sought by Israel, which were lumped together, in reduced amount, in a comprehensive package deal together with advanced F-15s for Saudi Arabia and F-16s for Egypt on the basis of the U.S. evaluation of balance of power in the Middle East. Israel did not accept this evaluation, but had no choice but to agree to the package deal.

I firmly believe that such package deals are here to stay and, furthermore, that Israel can never expect to outbid Saudi Arabia in grabbing up the surplus armaments which events in Iran have made available. I doubt whether the United States has learned from the Iran fiasco how dangerous it is to over-arm a backward totalitarian regime.

GERALD KATZ Haifa.

Dry Bones



PROFESSIONAL JOB

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I take off my hat to whichever PLO office was responsible for the planning of the torture 'allegation' story in one of the most prestigious newspapers in the United States and the ensuing full-scale propaganda attack against Israel. Not a thousand apologetic and whining denials from Jerusalem will efface the fantastic PR success of the other side. No self-righteous protestation from the Justice Minister ("Israel maintains the most liberal and humane attitude towards the Arabs in the administered territories") will get only half the mileage of the original story. That was a professional job, that was!

Dr. BERTHOLD WYLER Jerusalem.

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the students have completed all of their studies in Brazil. The two new rabbis have been offered posts by the Brazilian Jewish community. J.S. "CONGRATULATIONS," writes a Jerusalem resident, "to the Israel postal service. A British friend with a notoriously perverse sense of humour wrote me a letter, and addressed it to 'Alley of the Struggle Against Imperialism, Jerusalem, Israel.' Within one week it arrived at my flat in Mevo Hamaavak. Kol Hakavod!" E.S.

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